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[*on the report of the Third Committee (A/70/489/Add.1)*]

70/144. International Covenants on Human Rights

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 68/155 of 18 December 2013,

Welcoming the forthcoming fiftieth anniversary of the adoption of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights[1] and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,[1]

1. *Welcomes* the annual reports of the Human Rights Committee submitted to the General Assembly at its sixty-ninth[2] and seventieth[3] sessions;

2. *Also welcomes* the reports of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its fiftieth and fifty-first sessions[4] and on its fifty-second and fifty-third sessions;[5]

3. *Decides* to devote one plenary meeting of the General Assembly, within existing resources, at its seventy-first session, to the commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the adoption of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights[1] and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,[1] and requests the President of the General Assembly to conduct consultations with Member States in order to determine the modalities for that meeting;

4. *Invites* the Chairs of the two Committees, within existing resources, to address and engage in an interactive dialogue with the General Assembly at its seventy-first and seventy-second sessions under the item entitled "Promotion and protection of human rights";

[1] See resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

[2] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 40* (A/69/40), vols. I and II.

[3] Ibid., *Seventieth Session, Supplement No. 40* (A/70/40).

[4] *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2014, Supplement No. 2* (E/2014/22).

[5] Ibid., *2015, Supplement No. 2* (E/2015/22).

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5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to keep the General Assembly informed of the status of the International Covenants on Human Rights and the Optional Protocols thereto,[6] including with regard to all reservations and declarations made, through the United Nations websites.

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[6] See resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex, resolution 44/128, annex, and resolution 63/117, annex.